

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Thomas E Kocovsky on 19 February 2010.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the Claims:

Claim 11, line 8, After "said perforations"

INSERTED: --, and further comprising a plurality of second perforations extending from said front side to said rear side of the rigid planar member, said second perforations being spaced and aligned in the form of a second ring, such that said second ring of perforations is positioned inside of said first ring of perforations--

Claim 12: **DELETED** in its entirety

Claim 14, line 2: **DELETED:** "claim 12"

INSERTED: --claim 11--

Claim 21, line 9, after "of said nails;" **INSERTED:** --and sequentially--

Claim 25: **DELETED** in its entirety

Claim 26: **DELETED** in its entirety

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 11, 13-24, 28, and 29 are allowed.
3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Shaun R. Hurley whose telephone number is (571) 272-4986. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon - Fri, 8:00 am - 4:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gary Welch can be reached on (571) 272-4996. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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